Critical Care Nurse

**Job Description:** Provide advanced nursing care for patients in critical or coronary care units.

**What do Critical Care Nurses do?**

* Provide care for patients in critical condition.
* Assess patients’ pain levels and sedation requirements.
* Set up and monitor medical equipment such as heart rate monitors, ventilators, and oxygen delivery devices.
* Provide patients with medication either by injection, orally, intravenously or by other methods.
* Document patients’ medical histories and assessment findings.
* Advocate for patients’ and families’ needs, or provide emotional support for patients and their families.
* Evaluate patients’ vital signs and laboratory data to determine emergency intervention needs.

**Outlook: Bright**

Average Salary - $30.65 hourly, $63,750 annual

Projected Job Openings – 1,039,000 over the next 10 years

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like to help people?
* Do you work well under pressure?
* Do you communicate well?
* Do you like working on a team?
* Do you pay attention to details?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Associate’s Degree in Nursing (ADN) or
* Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing (BSN)
* Pass the national licensing exam